are affected by the policy of Government not to allow plastic bags below 20 microns; and

(b) what are the rehabilitatory steps taken for them to survive?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) To encourage proper waste collection, the Government has brought out the Recycled Plastics Manufacture and Usage Rules, 1999 as amended in 2003. As per these rules, the manufacture, stocking, distribution or selling of plastic bags, below 8 x 12 inches (20 x 30 cms) in size and less than 20 microns in thickness is prohibited. Since there is no ban on manufacturing plastic bags of other sizes and thickness, no small scale industrial unit manufacturing plastic bags would be affected by the policy of Government not to allow plastic bags below 20 microns.

(b) Does not arise, in view of (a) above.

## Decline in number of small scale industries

†1169. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of small scale industries has been declining in certain States in the country from 2001-02 to 2005-06;
  - (b) if so, the names of such States;
- (c) whether Government have gathered information about the reasons behind the decline in the number of small scale industries in these States; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir. The number of registered small scale industrial units has increased in all the States in the country from 2001-02 to 2005-06. State-wise details of these industrial units are given in the Statement (See below):—

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

## RAJYA SABHA

Statement

The number of SSI units registered by the State/UT Directorates of Industries based on Third Census of SSIs

SI.	Name of the State/	Number of SSI Units Registered upto	
No.	Union Territory	2001-02	2005-06
1	2	3	4
1.	Jammu & Kashmir	15,565	19,628
2.	Himachal Pradesh	11,553	13,210
3.	Punjab	66,073	69,002
4.	Chandigarh	1,312	1,506
5.	Uttaranchal	16,740	22,157
6.	Haryana	40,000	41,207
7.	Delhi	7,413	7,660
8.	Rajasthan	46,762	61,724
9.	Uttar Pradesh	180,891	265,582
10.	Bihar	56,294	71,609
11.	Sikkim	176	239
12.	Arunachal Pradesh	287	426
13.	Nagaland	883	3,620
14.	Manipur	4,689	5,047
15.	Mizoram	2,870	4,029
16.	Tripura	980	1,004
17.	Meghalaya	2,205	3,715
18.	Assam	15,938	. 21,848
19.	West Bengal	43,413	47,841
20.	Jharkhand	19,948	25,418
21.	Orissa	13,377	15,296
22.	Chhattisgarh	35,109	40,155

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23.	Madhya Pradesh	106,631	137,794
24.	Gujarat	145,981	188,898
<b>25</b> .	Daman & Diu	1,150	1,923
26.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	830	1,537
27.	Maharashtra	85,747	118,008
28.	Andhra Pradesh	64,420	70,521
29.	Karnataka	120,399	151,740
30.	Goa	2,419	3,080
31.	Lakshadweep	74	120
32.	Kerala	164,946	192,704
<b>33</b> .	Tamil Nadu	211,203	302,666
34.	Pondicherry	1,802	2,531
35.	Andaman & Nicobar	724	1,105
Total	1,488,804	1,914,550	

## Assistance to co-operative societies in Maharashtra and Bihar

1170. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of financial assistance granted to cooperative societies in Maharashtra and Bihar during the last three years; and
- (b) the details of the terms and conditions laid down for granting such assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) financial assistance released by National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) to the cooperative societies in Maharashtra and Bihar under central sector/centrally sponsored schemes and corporation sponsored schemes during the last three years